IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA DIVISION

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WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, a federal savings bank,

Plaintiff,

v.

CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION a/k/a CENTURY MORTGAGE CORP., a Georgia corporation,

Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION
NO. 1:06-cv-2994-GET

O R D E R

The above-styled matter is presently before the court on Washington Mutual Bank's petition to confirm an arbitration award [docket no. 1].

On November 10, 2006, arbitrator Joyce J. George rendered an Arbitration Award in favor of plaintiff and against defendant. Specifically, plaintiff was awarded $992,793.77, including an award of attorney's fees and costs. On December 8, 2006, plaintiff filed this "Petition and Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award." Plaintiff requests that judgment be entered in its favor, including prejudgment and post-judgment interest.

Section 9 of the FAA provides that upon application of a party to an arbitration for an order confirming an arbitration award, a "court must grant such order unless the award is vacated, modified, or corrected as prescribed in sections 10 and 11 of [the FAA]".

9 U.S.C. § 9. "Judicial review of arbitration awards is 'narrowly limited,' and the FAA presumes that arbitration awards will be confirmed." Gianelli Money Purchase Plan & Trust v. ADM Investor Services, Inc., 146 F.3d 1309, 1312 (11th Cir. 1998).

Furthermore, pre-judgment interest from the date of the award may be awarded upon confirmed arbitration awards. See Industrial Risk Insurers v. M.A.N. Gutehoffnungshute GmbH, 141 F.3d 1434, 1446-47 (11th Cir. 1998). Likewise, post-judgment interest is appropriate pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961(a).

No response or objection as been filed to the petition to confirm the arbitration award. Having reviewed and considered the petition for arbitration, the court finds no grounds for vacating or modifying the award. Therefore, Washington Mutual's petition to confirm an arbitration award and request for prejudgment and post judgment interest [docket no. 1] is GRANTED. The Clerk of Court is DIRECTED to enter judgment in favor of plaintiff and against defendant in the amount of $992,793.77, plus interest accruing from the date of the Award.

Summary

Washington Mutual Bank's petition to confirm an arbitration award request for prejudgment and post judgment interest [docket no. 1] is **GRANTED**. The Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to enter judgment in favor of plaintiff and against defendant in the amount of $992,793.77, plus interest accruing from the date of the Award.

SO ORDERED, this 20 day of December, 2006.

G. ERNEST TIDWELL, JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE